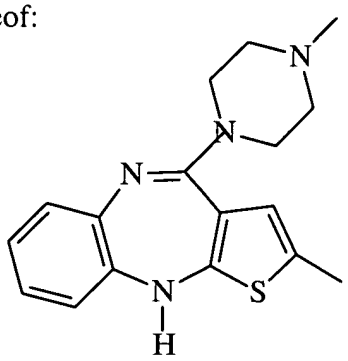
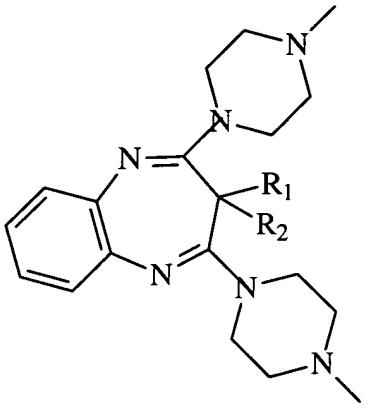
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Process for the manufacture of Olanzapine of the following formula I or a salt thereof:



I

by converting a compound of the following formula II or a salt thereof



II

~~in which~~ wherein

(i) ~~R1~~ R_1 and R_2 ~~R2~~ together form =CH-CH_2-CH_3, or

(ii) ~~R1~~ R_1 and R_2 ~~R2~~ are both H, or

(iii) ~~R1~~ R_1 is H and R_2 ~~R2~~ is ~~-CH(R3)-CH_2-CH_3~~ -CH(R_3)-CH_2-CH_3, wherein R_3 ~~R3~~ is a leaving group that can be eliminated together with ~~R1~~ R_1 to result in ~~R1~~ R_1 and R_2 ~~R2~~ together forming =CH-CH_2-CH_3,

to give Olanzapine or a salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the leaving group ~~R3.~~ R_3 is ~~-OR4~~ -OR_4, R_4 is selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, and sulfonyl.

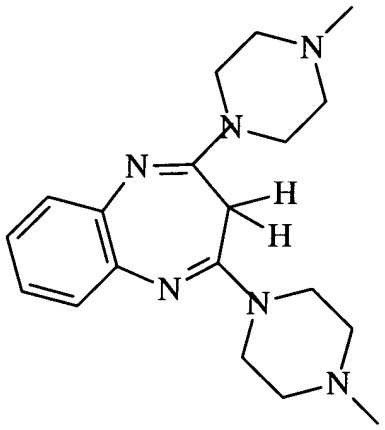
3. (Currently Amended)) Process according to claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~R4~~ R_4 is H.

4. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~R4~~ R_4 is ~~selected from the group of acyl and sulfonyl and preferably is~~ trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl.

5. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~R1~~ R_1 and R_2 ~~R2~~ together form $=CH\text{-}CH_2\text{-}CH_3$ and the conversion is performed by reacting the compound of formula II with a source of sulfur.

6. (Cancelled)

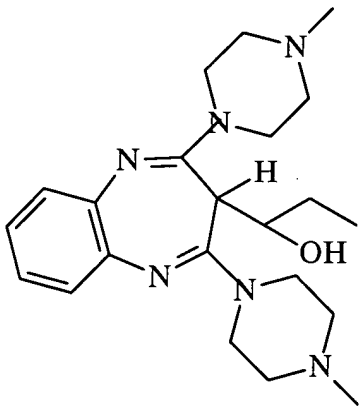
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~compound~~ process according to claim 1 ~~11~~, ~~which~~ wherein the compound of formula II is benzodiazepine of the following formula IV:



IV

~~or salts thereof~~.

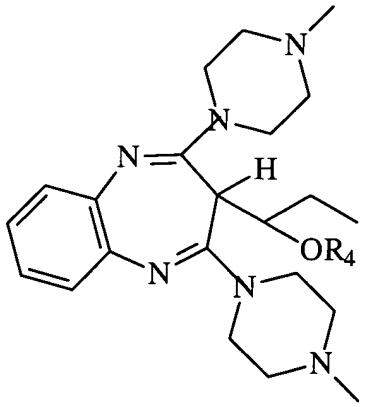
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~compound~~ process according to claim 1 ~~11~~, ~~which~~ wherein the compound of formula II is benzodiazepine-propanol of the following formula VI:



VI

~~or salts thereof~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~compound~~ process according to claim 1 ~~11~~, ~~which~~ wherein the compound of formula II is benzodiazepine-ester of the following formula VII:

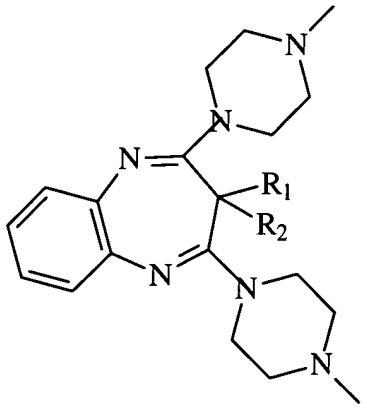


VII

~~in which~~ wherein ~~R4~~ R_4 is selected from the group consisting of acyl and sulfonyl ~~and preferably is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl, or salts thereof~~.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula



or salts thereof

~~in which~~ wherein

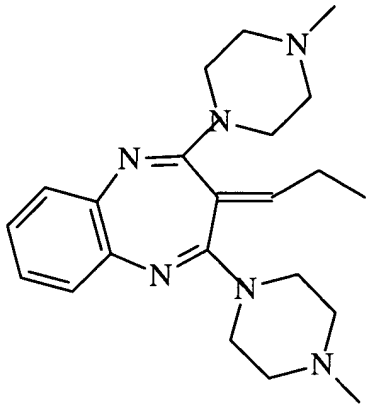
(i) ~~R1~~ R_1 and R_2 ~~R2~~ together form =CH-CH_2-CH_3, or

(ii) ~~R1~~ R_1 and R_2 ~~R2~~ are both H, or

(iii) ~~R1~~ R_1 is H and R_2 ~~R2~~ is ~~-CH(R3)- CH_2-CH_3~~ -CH(R_3)- CH_2-CH_3, wherein R_3 is –OR_4, R_4 ~~R3~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, acyl and sulfonyl ~~and preferably is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl, or salts thereof~~.

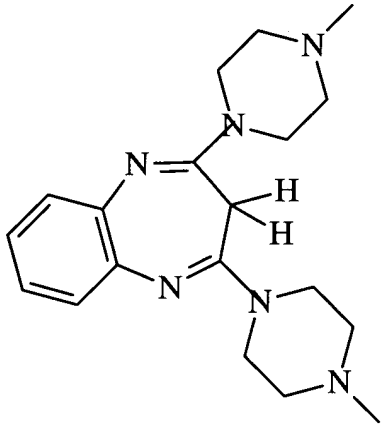
12. (New) The compound of claim 11 wherein R_1 is H and R_2 is -CH(R_3)- CH_2-CH_3, wherein R_4 is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl.

13. (New) The compound according to claim 11, which is a propylidene-benzodiazepine of the following formula III:



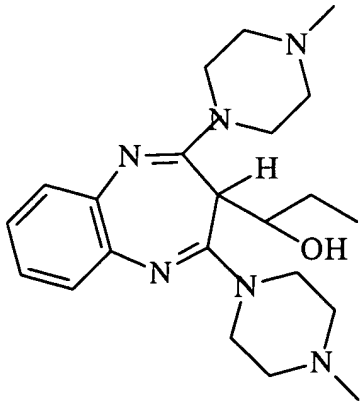
III.

14. (New) The compound according to claim 11, which is benzodiazepine of the following formula IV:



IV.

15. (New) The compound according to claim 11, which is benzodiazepine-propanol of the following formula VI:



VI.

16. (New) The process of claim 9 wherein R_4 is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl.